



# **City of Salina Raw Water Supply Study**

**Citizen's Advisory Board  
Workshop**

**February 12, 2009  
6:00 PM**

**HDR**



# Introductions



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# Introductions



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# Agenda for Tonight



- Review of Study Objectives
  - Purpose of Citizens Advisory Board
  - Scope of the Raw Water Supply Study
- Alternatives Process
- Preliminary Screening of Alternatives
- Alternatives Evaluation Criteria

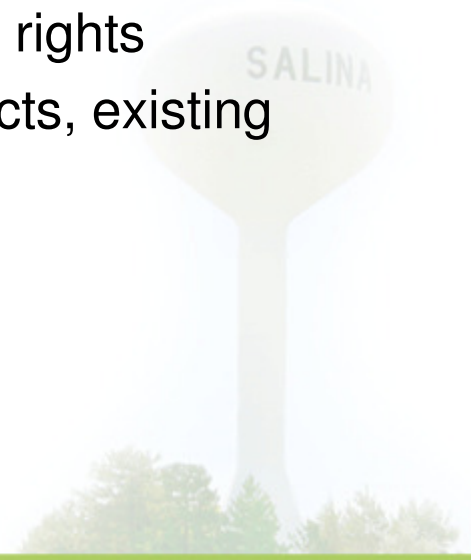




# Raw Water Supply Study



- Purpose of Study
  - Recent drought conditions
  - Contamination issues near wellfields
  - Strained ability of City to maintain adequate water supply for customers
  - Identify sustainable solutions for next 50 years
  - Diversify water supply sources
- CAB meetings at key project milestones
  - August, 2008 - Demand projections, water rights
  - November, 2008 – Future regulatory impacts, existing facilities
  - December, 2008 - Conservation, reuse
  - January, 2009 – New Sources of Supply
  - February, 2009 – Alternatives
  - March, 2009 – Draft Report





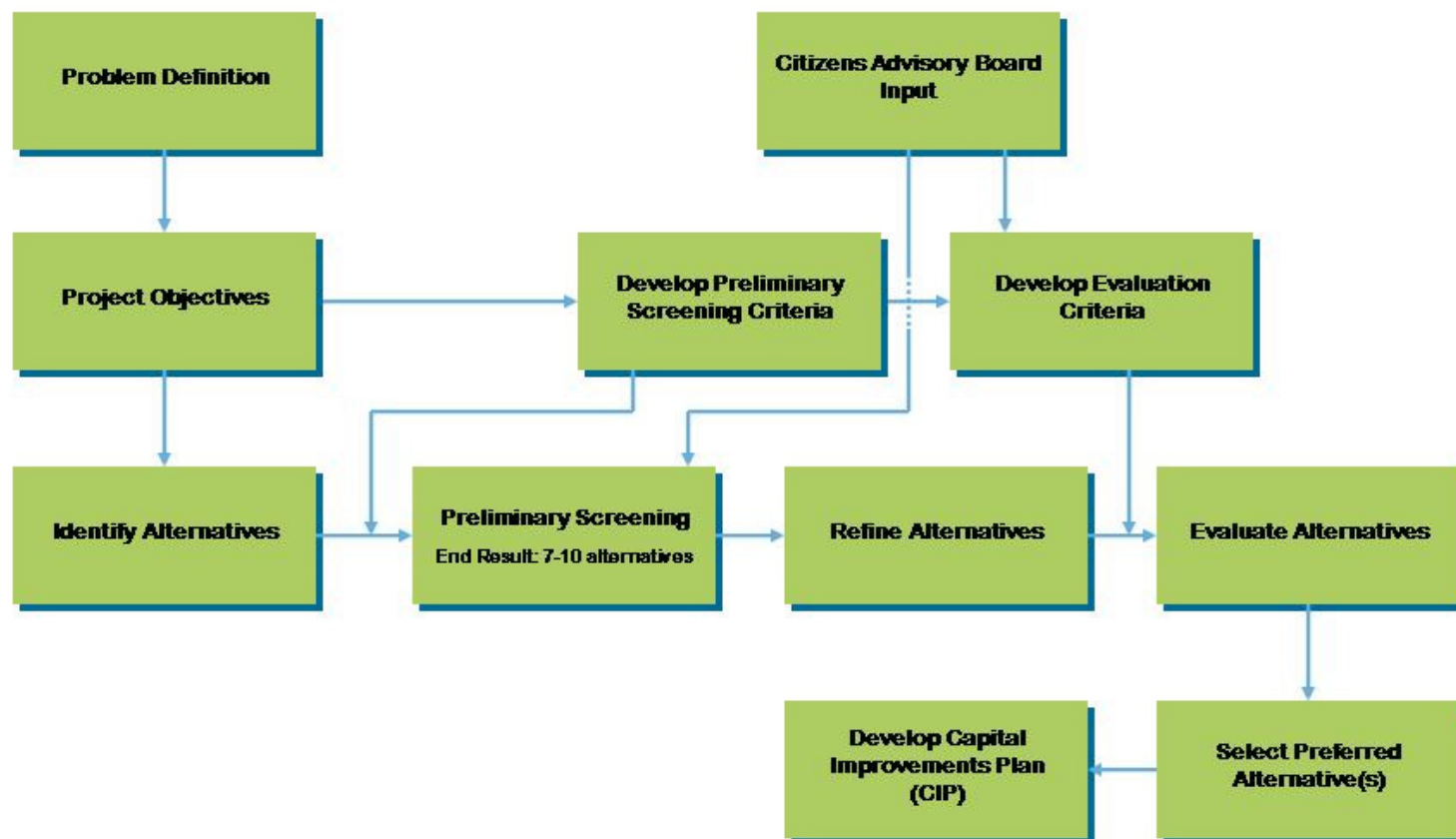
# Alternatives Process





# Alternatives Process

- Systematic way to evaluate potential alternatives

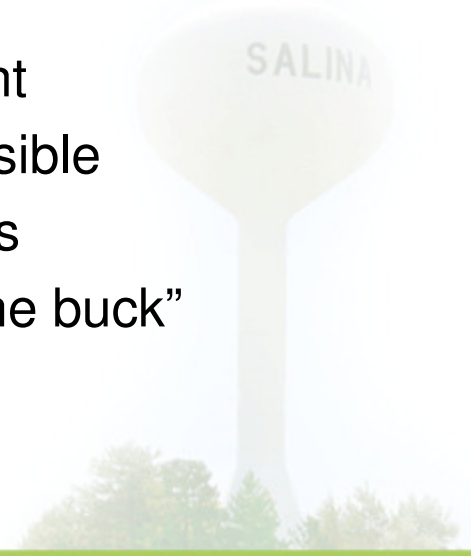






# Problem Definition/Project Objectives

- Problem Definition
  - Decreased reliability of raw water supplies during drought conditions
  - Contamination issues with existing wells
  - Need water supplies to meet growing demands
- Project Objectives
  - Increase the reliability of raw water supplies, especially during drought conditions
  - Support economic growth and development
  - Optimize existing infrastructure where possible
  - Minimize risks to the City and its customers
  - Cost effective solutions – “most bang for the buck”







# Identification of Alternatives

- 1) Improvements at Downtown Wellfield
- 2) Improvements at South Wellfield
- 3) Seasonal surface water right
- 4) Kanopolis Reservoir
- 5) Milford Reservoir
- 6) Wilson Reservoir
- 7) Saline River
- 8) Confluence of Smoky Hill Solomon Rivers
- 9) Dakota Aquifer
- 10) Construct a reservoir
- 11) Acquire existing water rights
- 12) Water Assurance District
- 13) Aquifer recharge
  - Infiltration ponds
  - Direct recharge wells
  - Infiltration through oxbow
  - Aquifer storage and recovery system
  - Water reuse for groundwater recharge
- 14) Water reuse
  - All irrigation + industrial sites
  - All irrigation sites
  - City-owned irrigation sites

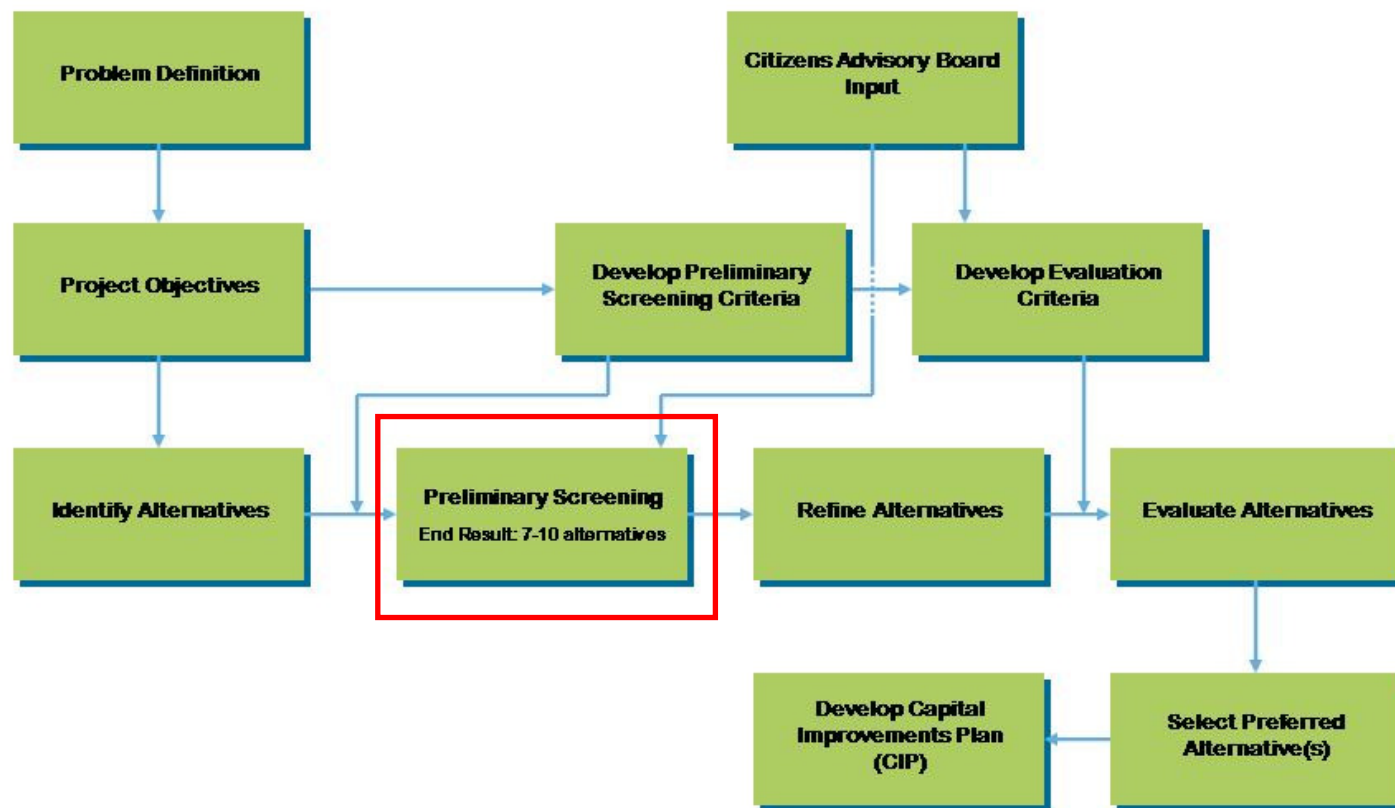


# Preliminary Screening of Alternatives





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# Preliminary Screening Criteria

- Related to the project objectives
- Five general criteria:
  - Optimizes existing resources
    - Includes water rights, raw water infrastructure, treatment infrastructure
  - Increases reliability during drought
    - Includes increased reliability of existing sources and new sources that are independent of existing sources
  - Minimizes implementation risk
    - Includes effectiveness of alternative, public issues, historical use for water supply, permitting, approval, and development processes
  - Expandable for future demands
    - Includes availability for future water rights, physically expandable
  - Cost effective
    - Most bang for the buck
    - Based on unit cost
    - Capital costs only – does not include O&M costs
      - 30% contingencies for unknown work
      - 20% factor for engineering, legal, etc





## Preliminary Screening Information (cont)

- Improvements at Downtown Wellfield
  - Criterion 1: Optimizes existing resources - PASS
    - Re-drill 5 wells, treat contamination, upsize air strippers to maximize existing water right of 15.2 MGD
  - Criterion 2: Increases reliability during drought – PASS/FAIL
    - Same drought-prone source historically used by City
    - Partially increases reliability if all wells can be used
    - Reliability may be further increased with passive/direct recharge
  - Criterion 3: Minimizes implementation risk - PASS
    - Minimal risk since it has historically been used by City
  - Criterion 4: Expandable for future demands - FAIL
    - Area closed to further appropriations – cannot drill more wells
  - Criterion 5: Cost effective
    - Total cost - \$6.4 million
    - Cost/gallon - \$2.13/gallon (based on 3 MGD)



## Preliminary Screening Information (cont)

- Improvements at South Wellfield
  - Criterion 1: Optimizes existing resources - PASS
    - Re-drill 2 wells to maximize existing water right of 3.7 MGD
    - Construct treatment plant to reduce iron/manganese/hardness
  - Criterion 2: Increases reliability during drought - PASS
    - Considered an additional source to increase reliability
    - Well spacing increases reliability compared to Downtown Wellfield and groundwater not over-developed
  - Criterion 3: Minimizes implementation risk - PASS
    - Conventional treatment capable of treating iron, manganese, and hardness with minimal permitting risk
  - Criterion 4: Expandable for future demands - PASS
    - May be able to obtain additional water rights or acquire existing water rights
  - Criterion 5: Cost effective
    - Total cost - \$15.2 million
    - Cost/gallon - \$4.10/gallon (based on 3.7 MGD)





## Preliminary Screening Information (cont)

- Seasonal Water Right on Smoky Hill River
  - Criterion 1: Optimizes existing resources - PASS
    - Use to meet demands during October - June
    - Optimizes wellfields and existing Smoky Hill River water right so that they can be used during times of peak usage
    - Need a new intake, pump station, and treatment for taste & odor
  - Criterion 2: Increases reliability during drought – PASS/FAIL
    - Preserves aquifer levels and surface water right for peak usage
    - May be times when cannot use seasonal right due to low flows
  - Criterion 3: Minimizes implementation risk - PASS
    - Smoky Hill River already used as a source
  - Criterion 4: Expandable for future demands - PASS
    - May be able to obtain additional seasonal water rights
  - Criterion 5: Cost effective
    - Total cost - \$5.1 million
    - Cost/gallon - \$0.51/gallon (based on 10 MGD)





## Preliminary Screening Information (cont)



- Kanopolis Reservoir

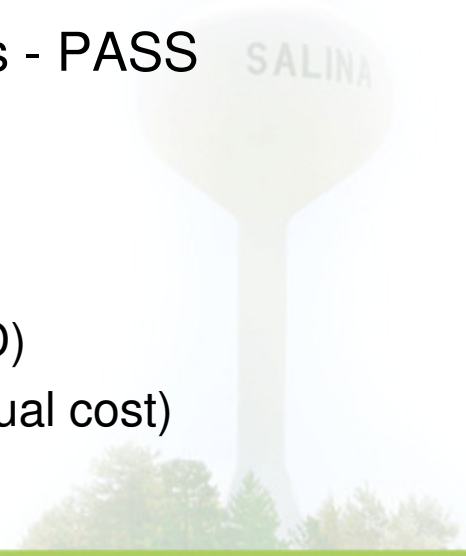
- Criterion 1: Optimizes existing resources - FAIL
  - Need an intake, pump station, and 27+ miles of pipeline
- Criterion 2: Increases reliability during drought – PASS/FAIL
  - New source for City; decreased Smoky Hill River flows correspond with low levels in Kanopolis Reservoir
- Criterion 3: Minimizes implementation risk - FAIL
  - Risk in ability to obtain storage in the reservoir – over-committed
- Criterion 4: Expandable for future demands - FAIL
  - Safe yield of reservoir will decrease in future due to sedimentation
- Criterion 5: Cost effective
  - Total cost - \$14.0 million
  - Cost/gallon - \$7.02/gallon (based on 2 MGD)
  - \$113,000 in 2009 to purchase storage (annual cost)





## Preliminary Screening Information (cont)

- Milford Reservoir
  - Criterion 1: Optimizes existing resources - FAIL
    - Need an intake, pump stations, and 45+ miles of pipeline
  - Criterion 2: Increases reliability during drought - PASS
    - New source for City; different river-basin than current sources
  - Criterion 3: Minimizes implementation risk - FAIL
    - Risk in ability to obtain storage in the reservoir – 75 MGD is allocated for future water supply but has not been opened up
    - Risk in potential inter-basin transfer requirements
  - Criterion 4: Expandable for future demands - PASS
    - 75 MGD of storage not currently opened up
  - Criterion 5: Cost effective
    - Total cost - \$30.8 million
    - Cost/gallon - \$6.16/gallon (based on 5 MGD)
    - \$113,000 in 2009 to purchase storage (annual cost)





## Preliminary Screening Information (cont)

- Wilson Reservoir

- Criterion 1: Optimizes existing resources - FAIL
  - Need an intake, pump stations, and 55+ miles of pipeline, reverse osmosis treatment facility, disposal of concentrate
- Criterion 2: Increases reliability during drought – PASS/FAIL
  - New source for City; decreased Smoky Hill River flows may correspond with low levels in Wilson Reservoir – same basin
- Criterion 3: Minimizes implementation risk - FAIL
  - Has not been used as a water supply source
  - Risk in ability to obtain storage in the reservoir – no allocation for water supply
  - Risk in development and permitting of RO facility
- Criterion 4: Expandable for future demands - PASS/FAIL
  - Possibly – depends if KWO purchases storage and how much they purchase
- Criterion 5: Cost effective
  - Total cost - \$70.5 million
  - Cost/gallon - \$14.10/gallon (based on 5 MGD)
  - \$113,000 in 2009 to purchase storage (annual cost)



## Preliminary Screening Information (cont)

- Saline River

- Criterion 1: Optimizes existing resources - FAIL
  - Need wells to withdraw, reverse osmosis treatment facility, disposal of concentrate, pump station, 5+ miles of pipeline
- Criterion 2: Increases reliability during drought - PASS/FAIL
  - New source for City; decreased Smoky Hill River flows may correspond with low flows in Saline River – same basin
- Criterion 3: Minimizes implementation risk - FAIL
  - Has not been used as a water supply source (municipal)
  - Risk in development and permitting of RO facility
- Criterion 4: Expandable for future demands - PASS
  - Not over-developed with water rights
- Criterion 5: Cost effective
  - Total cost - \$41.3 million
  - Cost/gallon - \$8.25/gallon (based on 5 MGD)





## Preliminary Screening Information (cont)

- Confluence of Smoky Hill River and Solomon River
  - Criterion 1: Optimizes existing resources - FAIL
    - Need wells to withdraw, reverse osmosis treatment facility, disposal of concentrate, pump station, 13+ miles of pipeline
  - Criterion 2: Increases reliability during drought - PASS
    - New source for City; more flow in river near confluence during past droughts due to Saline River and Solomon River
  - Criterion 3: Minimizes implementation risk - PASS/FAIL
    - Currently used for municipal water supply
    - Risk in development and permitting of RO facility
  - Criterion 4: Expandable for future demands - PASS
    - Not over-developed with water rights
  - Criterion 5: Cost effective
    - Total cost - \$46.4 million
    - Cost/gallon - \$9.28/gallon (based on 5 MGD)



## Preliminary Screening Information (cont)

- **Dakota Aquifer**

- **Criterion 1: Optimizes existing resources - FAIL**
  - Low yield wells – need many of them (24 for 5 MGD @ 150 gpm per well)
  - Need wells to withdraw, pump stations, 30+ miles of pipeline (due to well spacing requirements – depends where in Dakota Aquifer)
- **Criterion 2: Increases reliability during drought - PASS**
  - New source for City that is independent of drought-impacted sources
- **Criterion 3: Minimizes implementation risk - FAIL**
  - Aquifer highly variable in yield and water quality
- **Criterion 4: Expandable for future demands - PASS**
  - Not over-developed with water rights
- **Criterion 5: Cost effective**
  - Total cost - \$31.2 million
  - Cost/gallon - \$6.24/gallon (based on 5 MGD)







## Preliminary Screening Information (cont)

- Construct a Water Supply Reservoir
  - Criterion 1: Optimizes existing resources - FAIL
    - Assume can treat at existing WTP if surface water not in use
    - Need reservoir (25,000 AF), intake, pump station, 5+ miles of pipeline (depends on site)
  - Criterion 2: Increases reliability during drought - PASS
    - New source for City
  - Criterion 3: Minimizes implementation risk - FAIL
    - Risk in permitting and development of reservoir – long lead time
    - Risk with dam breaks/flooding and loss of life/property
  - Criterion 4: Expandable for future demands - PASS/FAIL
    - Design for planning horizon
    - Yield of reservoir will decrease in future due to sedimentation
  - Criterion 5: Cost effective
    - Total cost - \$162 million
    - Cost/gallon - \$32.48/gallon (based on 5 MGD)
    - Does not include costs for relocating roads and utilities, etc





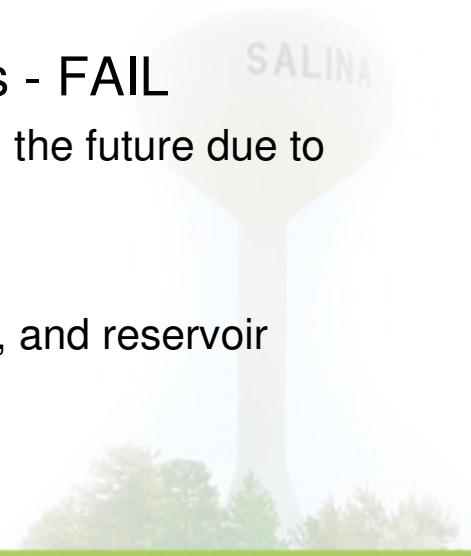
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- Acquire Existing Water Rights
  - Criterion 1: Optimizes existing resources - FAIL
    - If acquire groundwater rights – need to re-drill wells
    - If acquire surface water rights – need to construct intake
  - Criterion 2: Increases reliability during drought - PASS/FAIL
    - Likely the same sources as existing sources
    - Water rights acquired would be spread out over aquifer and not as impacted by over-pumping
  - Criterion 3: Minimizes implementation risk - PASS
    - Normal permitting with DWR as long as don't move well over 1/2 mile
    - Willing sellers minimize risk
  - Criterion 4: Expandable for future demands - PASS
    - Could obtain additional water rights
  - Criterion 5: Cost effective
    - Total cost - \$20.2 million
    - Cost/gallon - \$4.05/gallon (based on 5 MGD)
    - Costs depend on how many water rights are acquired and location



## Preliminary Screening Information (cont)

- Form a Water Assurance District (Kanopolis Reservoir)
  - Criterion 1: Optimizes existing resources - PASS
    - Use Smoky Hill River for conveyance and use existing intake
  - Criterion 2: Increases reliability during drought – PASS/FAIL
    - Would be a water supply source that is ensured to be available during droughts; Kanopolis may see low levels during a drought
    - Does not guarantee water purchased will make it to Salina (loss to aquifer)
  - Criterion 3: Minimizes implementation risk - FAIL
    - No storage in Kanopolis Reservoir allocated for Water Assurance District
    - Significant development time
  - Criterion 4: Expandable for future demands - FAIL
    - Yield of Kanopolis Reservoir will only decrease in the future due to sedimentation
  - Criterion 5: Cost effective
    - Costs vary by Water Assurance District, member, and reservoir
    - Must pay for storage even if don't use it that year
    - Only use the storage when needed





## Preliminary Screening Information (cont)

- **Aquifer Recharge**

- Existing infiltration ponds
- Direct recharge wells - - Best Option for Water Supply
- River oxbow

- **Criterion 1: Optimizes existing resources – PASS/FAIL**

- Temporarily increases aquifer levels to optimize existing wellfields
- Need bank storage diversion wells or off-season water right as source
- May not optimize wellfield during drought years if can't withdraw water

- **Criterion 2: Increases reliability during drought – PASS/FAIL**

- Increases aquifer levels for wellfields during a drought
- During drought years may not be able to withdraw water for recharge

- **Criterion 3: Minimizes implementation risk - FAIL**

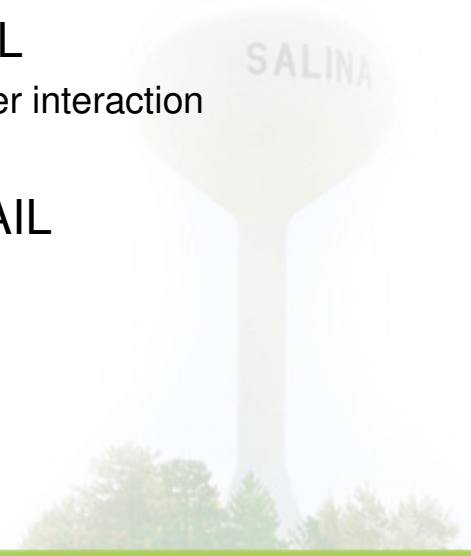
- Unknown if recharge will be effective due to alluvium/river interaction
- Risk with permitting with DWR

- **Criterion 4: Expandable for future demands - FAIL**

- The aquifer can only be recharged so much
- Wellfields can only be optimized so much

- **Criterion 5: Cost effective**

- Total cost - \$7.8 million
- Cost/gallon - \$1.56/gallon (based on 5 MGD)





## Preliminary Screening Information (cont)

- Water Reuse – 3 alternatives
  - All irrigation + industrial sites
  - All irrigation sites
  - City-owned irrigation sites (excluding Soccer Complex)
- Criterion 1: Optimizes existing resources - PASS
  - Utilizes existing wastewater treatment infrastructure
  - Puts wastewater to beneficial use rather than discharging to river
  - Need additional treatment and pipeline
- Criterion 2: Increases reliability during drought - FAIL
  - Does not save much from the municipal system (0.2 MGD – 0.6 MGD on average)
- Criterion 3: Minimizes implementation risk – PASS/FAIL
  - Risk with public acceptance and effect of water quality on vegetation; however it has been done in Kansas successfully
- Criterion 4: Expandable for future demands - PASS
  - Up to 3 MGD for consistent supply of reclaimed water
  - Minimum flow into wastewater treatment plant will increase as the City grows



## Preliminary Screening Information (cont)



- Water Reuse – 3 alternatives (continued)
  - All irrigation + industrial sites
  - All irrigation sites
  - City-owned irrigation sites (excluding Soccer Complex)



### – Criterion 5: Cost effective

- All irrigation + industrial sites
  - Total cost – \$16.5 million
  - Cost per gallon – \$27.00/gallon (based on 0.61 MGD saved from municipal water supply system)
- All irrigation sites
  - Total cost – \$11.6 million
  - Cost per gallon – \$60.97/gallon (based on 0.19 MGD saved from municipal water supply system)
- City-owned irrigation sites (excluding Soccer Complex)
  - Total cost – \$5.7 million
  - Cost per gallon – \$29.99/gallon (based on 0.19 MGD saved from municipal water supply system)

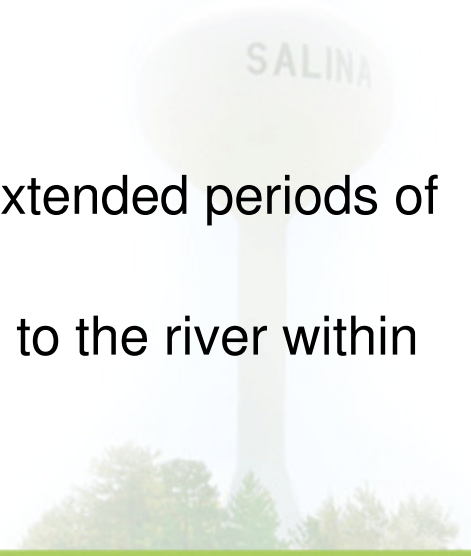
\*Water reuse only viable if City obtains additional water rights or funded by private entity



## Preliminary Screening Information (cont)



- Two alternatives not considered in preliminary screening
  - Aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) system
  - Water reuse for groundwater recharge
- Aquifer storage and recovery system:
  - Requires water to be stored in aquifer until City wants to use it
  - Water stored in alluvium will be discharged to the river within 9 months
- Water reuse for groundwater recharge
  - Wastewater requires additional treatment
  - Requires water to be stored in aquifer for extended periods of time for further treatment
  - Water stored in alluvium will be discharged to the river within 9 months








# Preliminary Screening Information (cont)

- Summary of Costs

Alternative	Municipal Capacity (MGD)	Total Construction Cost	Other Costs	Total Project Costs	Cost/gal
Seasonal Water Right	10.00	\$4,235,000	\$847,000	\$5,082,000	\$0.51
Aquifer Recharge - Recharge Wells	5.00	\$6,512,000	\$1,302,000	\$7,814,000	\$1.56
Downtown Wellfield	3.00	\$5,240,000	\$1,048,000	\$6,288,000	\$2.10
Acquire Existing Water Rights	5.00	\$16,857,000	\$3,371,000	\$20,228,000	\$4.05
South Wellfield	3.70	\$12,648,000	\$2,530,000	\$15,178,000	\$4.10
Milford Reservoir	5.00	\$25,649,000	\$5,130,000	\$30,779,000	\$6.16
Dakota Aquifer	5.00	\$26,008,000	\$5,202,000	\$31,210,000	\$6.24
Kanopolis Reservoir	2.00	\$11,701,000	\$2,340,000	\$14,041,000	\$7.02
Saline River	5.00	\$34,381,000	\$6,876,000	\$41,257,000	\$8.25
Confluence	5.00	\$38,662,000	\$7,732,000	\$46,394,000	\$9.28
Wilson Reservoir	5.00	\$58,738,500	\$11,748,000	\$70,486,500	\$14.10
Water Reuse all industrial + irrigation	0.61	\$13,727,000	\$2,745,000	\$16,472,000	\$27.00
Water Reuse City-owned irrigation	0.19	\$4,913,000	\$983,000	\$5,698,000	\$29.99
Reservoir Constuction	5.00	\$135,350,800	\$27,070,000	\$162,420,800	\$32.48
Water Reuse all irrigation	0.19	\$9,653,000	\$1,931,000	\$11,584,000	\$60.97


 Natural Breakpoint

\*Water Assurance District – costs unknown but assumed to be above the breakpoint line. Only cost is annual cost to purchase the storage.





# Preliminary Screening Results

Alternatives	Preliminary Screening Criteria - # Passing					Total # Passing Criteria
	Optimizes Existing Resources	Increases Reliability during Drought Periods	Minimizes Implementation Risk	Expandable for Future Demands	Cost Effective (above natural breakpoint)	
Improvements at South Wellfield	4				1	5
Obtain a seasonal surface water right	3.5				1	4.5
Improvements at Downtown Wellfield	2.5				1	3.5
Confluence of Smoky Hill and Solomon Rivers	2.5				1	3.5
Acquisition of existing water rights	2.5				1	3.5
Milford Reservoir	2				1	3
Dakota Aquifer	2				1	3
Water reuse	2.5				0	2.5
Saline River	1.5				1	2.5
Develop a water assurance district	1.5				1	2.5
Aquifer recharge	1				1	2
Kanopolis Reservoir	0.5				1	1.5
Construct a water supply reservoir	1.5				0	1.5
Wilson Reservoir	1				0	1

Note: Conservation is considered an integral part of the plan

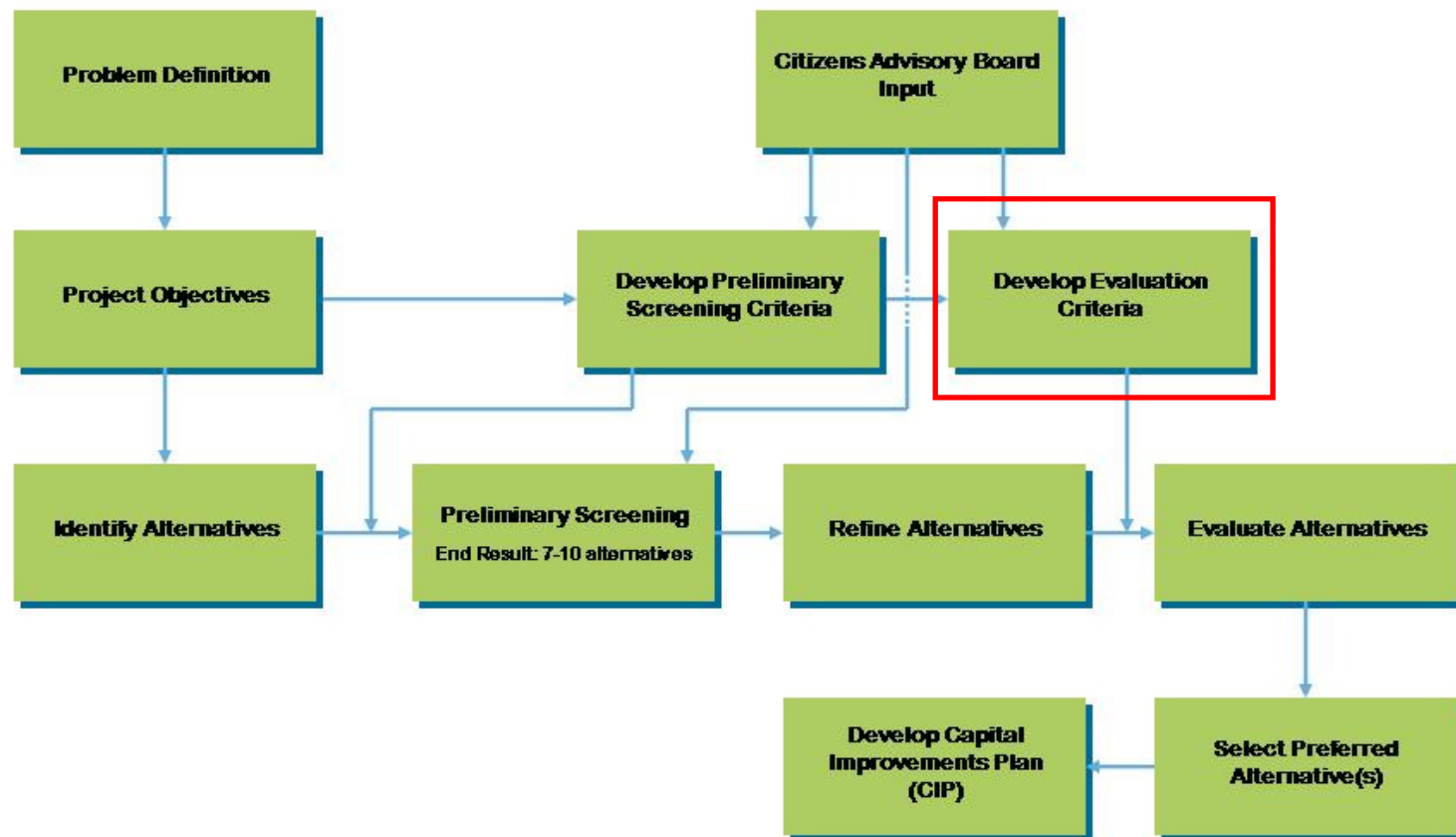


# Alternatives Evaluation Criteria





# Alternatives Process





# Evaluation Criteria



- More detailed than preliminary screening criteria
- What is important in comparing alternatives to one another?



- Optimizes existing resources
- Increases reliability during drought
- Minimizes implementation risk (includes public acceptance)
- Expandable for future demand
- Cost effective
- ~~— Flexible for phased implementation~~
- Minimizes environmental impacts
- Desirable water quality
- Permitability
- Sustainability
- **Time to Implement**





# Discussion/Questions





# Alternative Evaluation Process

## **CAB** (Tonight)

- Each criteria will receive a weighting factor
  - CAB input tonight
  - Complete paired comparison matrix
  - Accounts for some criteria that are more important than others

## PROJECT TEAM (Before next meeting)

- For each alternative
  - Assign 1, 2, or 3 for each criteria
  - 1 is low, 2 is moderate, 3 is high
  - Example – South Wellfield ranks high in optimizing existing infrastructure, so give it a 3
- Rank alternatives according to evaluation results
  - “Menu of Options”
- Develop capital improvements plan (CIP)
  - Identify short-term and long-term projects



# Paired Comparison Matrix - Example

Evaluation Criteria	1 Optimizes existing infrastructure	2 Increases reliability during drought	3 Minimizes implementation risk	4 Expandable for future demands	5 Cost Effective	6 Implementation Time	7 Minimizes environmental impacts	8 Desirable water quality	9 Permitability	10 Sustainability
1 Optimizes existing infrastructure		1 vs 2	1 vs 3	1 vs 4	1 vs 5	1 vs 6	1 vs 7	1 vs 8	1 vs 9	1 vs 10
2 Increases reliability during drought			2 vs 3	2 vs 4	2 vs 5	2 vs 6	2 vs 7	2 vs 8	2 vs 9	2 vs 10
3 Minimizes implementation risk				3 vs 4	3 vs 5	3 vs 6	3 vs 7	3 vs 8	3 vs 9	3 vs 10
4 Expandable for future demands					4 vs 5	4 vs 6	4 vs 7	4 vs 8	4 vs 9	4 vs 10
5 Cost effective						5 vs 6	5 vs 7	5 vs 8	5 vs 9	5 vs 10
6 Implementation Time							6 vs 7	6 vs 8	6 vs 9	6 vs 10
7 Minimizes environmental impacts								7 vs 8	7 vs 9	7 vs 10
8 Desirable water quality									8 vs 9	8 vs 10
9 Permitability										9 vs 10
10 Sustainability										

How many times did you select:

1? 6

2? 4

3? 6

4? 6

5? 3

6? 4

7? 5

8? 2

9? 5

10? 5

Note: This matrix was completed at random for example purposes and does not reflect the views of the City or project team





## Next CAB Meeting



- Thursday, March 19, 2009 – 6:00 PM
- Meeting Topics
  - Alternatives Evaluation Results
  - Capital Improvements Plan

